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Title:	ENGINEERED PROTEASES FOR AFFINITY PURIFICATION AND PROCESSING OF FUSION PROTEINS	)	Customer No.:	23448
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**RESPONSE TO DECEMBER 31, 2008 FINAL OFFICE ACTION  
IN U.S. PATENT APPLICATION NO. 10/567,073**

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Sir:

This responds to the December 31, 2008 Final Office Action in the above-identified application.

The time for responding to the December 31, 2008 Office Action without extension was set at three months, or March 31, 2009. This Response is therefore timely.

Please amend the claims of the above-identified patent application as set out in Section I (Amendments to the Claims) hereof.